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1. DURING CONSULTATION WITH NATO COLLEAGUES AND WWII ALLIES, BECAME EVIDENT THERE WAS LITTLE DISPOSITION ON THEIR PART ATTEND SOVIET RECEPTION AT AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE LEVEL. ACCORDINGLY, OUR NATO COLLEAGUES WITH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE INFORMED US ON MAY 7 THAT ALL WULD BE REPRESENTED BUT WOULD SEND LOWER RANKING OFFICER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH IN-STRUCIONS REFS A AND B, OUR ATTENDANCE IN LINE WITH THAT OF NATO COLLEAGUES AND WAS RESTRICTED TO CHIEF POLITICAL SECTION (NOW ACTING DCM) AND DEFENSE ATTACHE.

2. FONMINISTRY ALSO DECIDED ON MAY 7 TO BE REPRESENTED BY ACTING FONMINSTER, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND TWO OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS. ACTING FONMINISTER TOLD ACTING DCM AT RECEPTION THAT HIS PRESENCE DICTATED BY "SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS" WHICH WE ASSUME T MEAN POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIAL MEAT SALE TO USSR. MINISTER OF DEFENSE NOT PRESENT AND URUGUAYAN ARMED FORCES REPRESENTED ONLY BY TWO NAVAL OFFICERS AND THREE AIR FORCE OFFICERS. ARMY BOYCOTTED RECEPTION.

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3. PAPAL NUNCIO (DEAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS) DID NOT ATTEND

AND WAS NOT REPRESENTED. SWISS AND SWEDISH AMBASSADORS DID NOT ATTEND AND WERE NOT REPRESENTED ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. ATTENDANCE BY OTHER EMBASSIES WAS SPOTTY AT AMBASSADOR LEVEL, WITH EXCEPTION, OF COURSE OF BLOC COUNTRIES.

4. MAJORITY OTHER GUESTS APPEARED BE DRAWN FRM ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL CIRCLES AND ONLY A FEW URUGUAYAN POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT. ESTIMATE TOTAL ATTENDANCE HERE AT 200-250, PROBABLY FAR BELOW NUMBER INVITAIONS SENT.
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